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Attorney Docket No.

50325-0850

(New Nonprovisional Application Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Ian Michael Charles Shand, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYNCHRONIZING A DATA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

() Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation () Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior application No: _____ Filed on: _____

() A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification 25 Total Pages; (X) Drawing(s) 7 Total Sheets; (X) Cover Sheet 1 Page

(X) Oath or Declaration: 2 Pages

(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

(X) Signed. () Unsigned. () Partially Signed.

() A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

() Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

() Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

() Power of Attorney.

(X) Return Receipt Postcard.

() Associate Power of Attorney.

(X) A Check in the amount of \$1920.00 for the Filing Fee.

() Preliminary Amendment.

() Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

(X) Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

(X) A Duplicate Copy of this Form for Processing any Deficiency or Overpayment of Fee Against Deposit Account.

() A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

() Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

() Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity Filed in Prior Application, Status Still Proper and Desired.

(X) Recordation of Assignment Cover Sheet and **executed** Assignment.

() Other: _____

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | |
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| FOR | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
| Total Claims | 56 | 36 | \$18.00 | \$ 648.00 |
| Independent Claims | 5 | 2 | \$86.00 | \$ 172.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) | | | | \$ 290.00 |
| Assignment Recording Fee | | | | \$ 40.00 |
| Basic Filing Fee | | | | \$ 770.00 |
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| | Title | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYNCHRONIZING A DATA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK | |
| | Atty. Docket Number | | 50325-0850 |

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